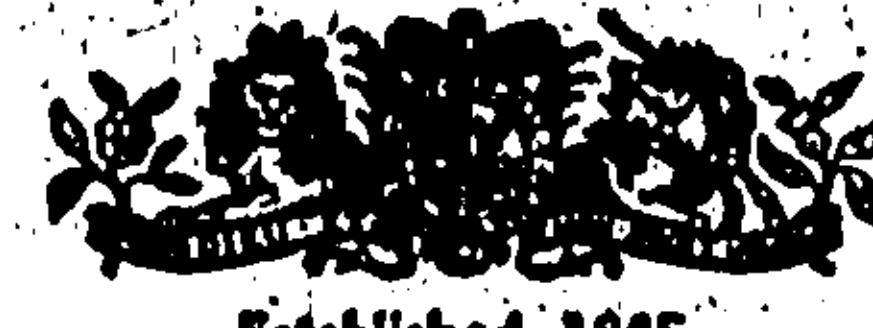


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Better Relations

In the interests of the peace and security of the Middle East it is of profound importance that relations between Britain and Egypt should be harmonious and co-operative. Happily there have been recent signs that relations are beginning to move in this desired direction, though there remains much room for improvement. The contributing factors of a more durable friendship are however worth appraising.

First and foremost has been completion of the gigantic operation of evacuating the Canal Zone ahead of schedule, due largely to the excellent co-operation between the British and Egyptian authorities on the spot. That has helped in a considerable measure in establishing British goodwill.

Relations in the economic field have also improved to an extent that is often overlooked. Last September the British government agreed that Egypt could transfer £20 million a year from her blocked sterling account instead of the £10 million fixed in 1951. In exchange the Egyptian government announced that the import entitlement system would no longer apply to British goods. The important result has been a marked rise in Egypt's imports of British goods.

BRITAIN'S motives for desiring closer relations with Egypt are frequently misconstrued; yet they are highly practical and anything but Machiavellian. Britain is a trading nation and the Middle East is an important market. At the same time it is well to remember that the ability of countries like Egypt to trade on equal terms was made possible to a large extent by British enterprise and with British help.

Britain's interest in Egypt's programmes of internal development, and particularly in the High Dam project, is every bit as simple and practical. She wants to see the Middle East economically prosperous and politically stable. Hence her offer of a loan towards construction of the new Aswan Dam; hence also her anxiety at the economic, cultural and, even military, rapprochement between Egypt and the Soviet bloc.

COLONEL Nasser has announced the setting in motion in Egypt of a more democratic political and social system—the release of political prisoners, the removal of Press censorship and the establishment of a parliamentary institution. This coincided with the announcement of more "liberalising" methods of government within the Soviet bloc, but there is no reason to believe as yet that the basic aim of Soviet foreign policy—namely, to establish just the kind of political and economic domination that Egypt so rightly fears—has changed.

There have, fortunately, been indications that the divergence of views between London and Cairo on Soviet policy is not quite so irreconcilable as it sometimes appears. While the Soviet aim in supplying Egypt with arms was to drive a wedge between Egypt and the West and to heighten tension between the Arab states and Israel, Col Nasser in his National Day speech laid special emphasis on Egypt's determination to fulfil her internal ambitions; to lay the foundations of a new society in which social justice and equality of opportunity are the main pillars.

These are ideals to which Britain herself has always aspired and which she has gone a long way to achieving. The British government, therefore, has every interest—political, economic and moral—in giving Col Nasser all the support it can in realising these ideals.

Commonwealth PMs Agree To Strive For... MORE TRADE WITH CHINA Will Also Seek Improved Diplomatic Relations

From DEREK MARKS

THE COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS HAVE DECIDED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH EFFORTS TO IMPROVE TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PEKING.

AT THE MEETING TODAY THEY DISCUSSED THE RECENT DECISION TO INCREASE TRADE IN GOODS WHICH MAY BE EXPORTED TO RUSSIA.

I understand there was a general acceptance of Sir Anthony Eden's view that China should not be treated as though she were an inseparable ally of Russia.

Singapore Chief Minister's Opinion

BRITAIN SHOULD FORFEIT HER CEYLON BASES

Singapore, July 2.

Mr Lim Yew-hock, the Chief Minister of Singapore, said today it would be the "most sensible thing" for Britain to withdraw her bases from Ceylon.

Mr Lim was commenting on the announcement made in London today by the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr Solomon Bandaranaike, that Britain had agreed in principle to the withdrawal.

The Chief Minister told Reuter: "I welcome Mr Bandaranaike's statement. It shows that Britain appreciates the situation in Ceylon at its proper perspective.

Prostitutes Drawn Up Like A "Guard Of Dishonour"

TORY MP INDICTS LONDON VICE

London, July 2.

Sir Beverley Baxter, Conservative, drew a picture in the House of Commons tonight of prostitutes "drawn up like a guard of honour—or dishonour" soliciting in streets near London's Hyde Park.

He was condemning vice in the city's West End during a debate about matters under the control of the Home Office.

Sir Beverley Baxter said this sort of thing was "not paralleled in any other great civilised capital—New York, Paris or Vienna."

Criticising the law and the "inaction" of the police, he said prostitutes legally could not be apprehended because they were not causing a disturbance.

Yet nothing was done when "screams, quarrels, blasphemy and blows" accompanied disputes between the prostitutes and men who arrived to take percentage of the earnings.

Big gangs of these men were "coming out into the open," he said.

Mr Gwynn Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, denied charges of inaction by the police in tackling vice and other problems, but said police were handicapped by the present state of the law on prostitution.

He urged the Commons to await a report expected soon of a committee appointed by the government to suggest changes.

—Reuter.

Big Ben Becomes Silent

London, July 2.

The chimes of Big Ben, from the famous clock towering over the Houses of Parliament at Westminster, were silenced tonight after they had struck nine o'clock.

A long overdue overhaul is being carried out, and the chimes which are familiar to radio listeners all over the world, will not be heard again for three months.

The British Broadcasting Corporation, which normally prefixes its major news bulletins with these unmistakable chimes, will relay instead the chimes of Great Tom, in the clock towered up in one of the towers of St Paul's Cathedral.

Great Tom was first heard over the air, when repairs were last made to Big Ben 22 years ago.—China Mail Special.

BOMB KILLS CHILD

Nicosia, July 2.

A Greek Cypriot child was killed and two soldiers were slightly injured today when a bomb was thrown at a military vehicle in the village of Komotou Yialou on the northeast peninsula of Cyprus.

Troops shot dead a youth officially stated to be the thrower of the bomb.

A wide-scale operation entered its second day today in Northeast Cyprus where 1,000 British troops were reportedly searching for a Greek Army officer who was understood to have smuggled himself into Cyprus recently.

There was no official statement on the subject and officials said there would be none until the operation was over.

CURFEW LIFTED

Meanwhile, a night curfew on the Greek sector of Nicosia's old town which has been in force for the past 15 days, was lifted tonight, an official statement said.

A ban on the opening of all Greek-owned places of entertainment in the Nicosia area was lifted this morning.

A government statement said today that there had been further evidence of Greek Cypriot students having received terrorist training in Greece.

—Franco-Press.

Nixon For Taipei

Cotyburg, July 2. Mr. Richard Nixon, now a four-term Vice-President, will visit the Far East, will go to Formosa on July 7 to visit General Chiang Kai-shek, it was announced here today. The UN chief executive is on a European tour.—Reuter.

—China Mail Special.

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Washington, July 2. Senator Mike Mansfield, one of the most influential members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today declared that unless the United States acted quickly to "preserve and strengthen the basic foundation of freedom and peace in Europe", the collapse of the last 10 years' efforts would "prepare the ground for totalitarianism and a third world war."

The Democratic Senator from Montana, in an important Senate speech, asked the Government to offer America's help in ending the Algerian conflict and in finding a solution to the Cyprus problem.

Pointing out that "Europe may now be reeling" on the road to integration, Senator Mansfield said that "beyond Cyprus and the similar difficulties of the

French in North Africa lies the whole question of the structure not only of the military structure of NATO but of the very concept of NATO itself.

Crude Tactics

The free nations need this strength of common purposes now more than ever before," said the Senator because the changes taking place in the Soviet bloc will offer both "great dangers and great opportunities" in the coming years.

Declaring that America had been "slow to recognise the fact," he said that "the changes add up to a vast effort to push the interests of Soviet communism not by the crude tactics of a Stalin but of the traditional techniques of diplomacy, trade and exchange."

"The Soviet Union may discover," said the Senator, "that it cannot travel out into the world of freedom and expect the repressed states of Eastern Europe to remain obediently at home."

Modify Policy

Speaking of the new Soviet tactics, Senator Mansfield declared that "nowhere is the danger of Soviet achievement in this connection greater than in Germany."

The pressure on the Bonn Government to modify its present policy is constantly increasing in West Germany, he said.

"This pressure," he declared, "is turning the outlook of Germany away from the West, not towards the East but perhaps inward and backward to a past built on neutralism and revulsion of nationalistic excess."

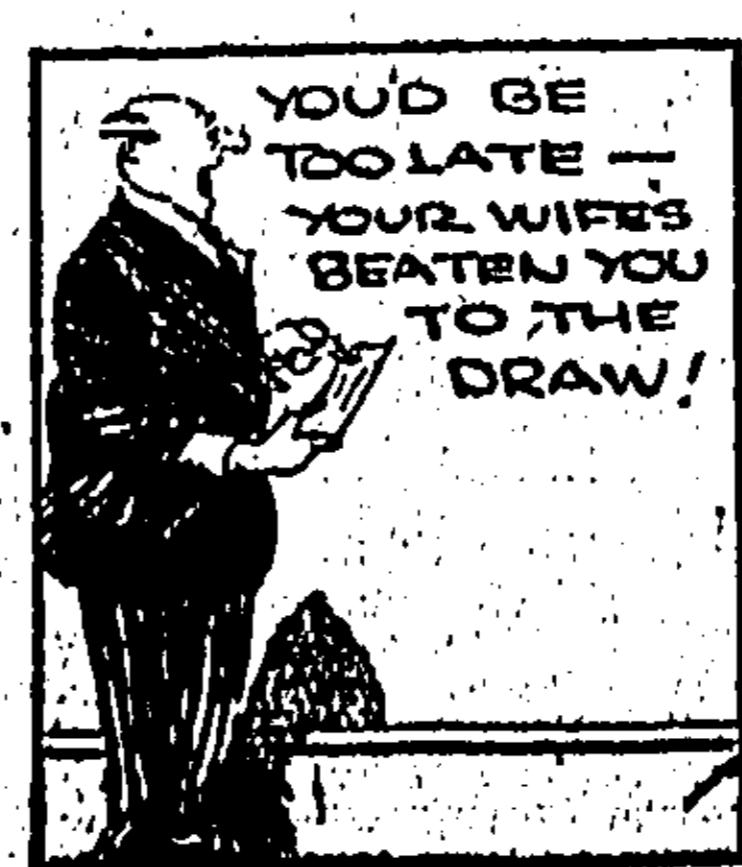
The Senator pointed out that American policy towards Germany rested on the "shoulders of one man," Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, while the "flexibility" of Soviet diplomacy "made it easy for Russia to manipulate Germany to its own ends."

Four Points

Besides offering its help in the problems of Algeria and Cyprus, Senator Mansfield suggested that America should:

- 1. Be ready to co-operate largely with Euratom (European atomic pool) if it is established.
- 2. Recognise that West Germans do not relish re-armament and re-examine this issue in the context of negotiations for realistic achievements on disarmament.
- 3. Call an economic conference of the NATO countries to increase trade between them and to establish uniform rules on trade with the Soviet bloc.
- 4. Revise the American foreign aid programme, give more food to the hungry people in the countries behind the Iron Curtain, and increase the American diplomatic missions in these countries in order to be better informed on new tendencies there. — France Presse.

POP

South Africa To
Retain
C'wealth Ties?

London, July 2. The South African Premier, Mr J. G. Strijdom, may have reassured Sir Anthony Eden this weekend that, even if South Africa left the Commonwealth, she would retain her economic and cultural ties with it, informed sources said today.

Mr Strijdom, together with the Canadian Premier, Mr Louis St. Laurent, and Lord Malvern, Premier of the Central African Federation, was a guest of the British Premier, Sir Anthony Eden, during the weekend.

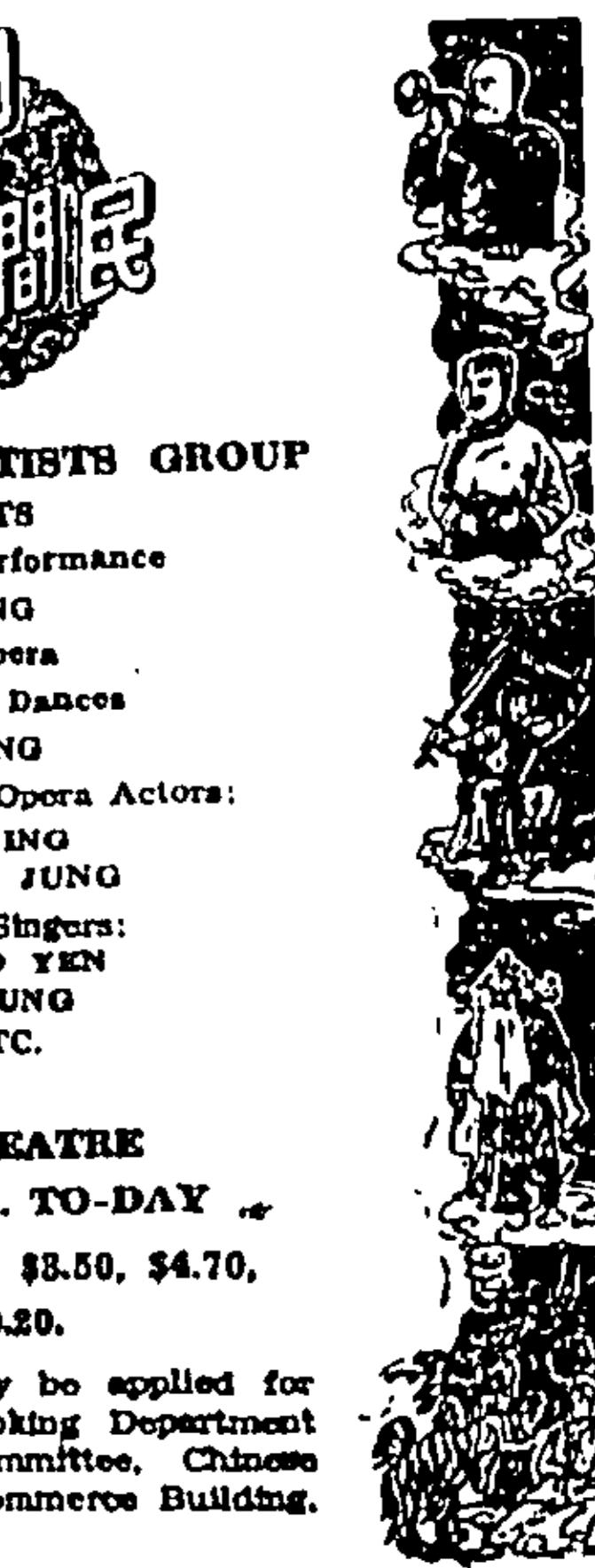
Not Wanted

Although the subject of South Africa's becoming a republic and controlling out of the Commonwealth has not yet been raised officially at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, now in progress, informed sources said Mr Strijdom may have used the weekend at Chequers, Sir Anthony's official residence, to discuss it with the British Prime Minister.

The weekend talks are part of Sir Anthony's policy of meeting all the Premiers gathered for the Commonwealth conference informally. — United Press.

Another matter which the two premiers were expected to discuss this week was the question of Swaziland, Bechuanaland and Basutoland, the three British enclaves in South Africa which the Union is anxious to take over.

Mr Strijdom publicly restated in a speech in London last week that South Africa would not cut all her ties with the Commonwealth if she were to become a Republic.

India Asks Disarmament
Commission To
Discuss A-Test Ban

By JOHN HEFFERNAN

New York, July 2. India today submitted a "note verbal" to Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General, asking for consideration by the Disarmament Commission of India's proposal for a ban on all test explosions of nuclear weapons.

In its note India said: "The Government of India would feel seriously concerned if another year should pass without careful and full consideration being given by the Commission and its sub-committee to the need for agreement on a cessation of further experimental explosions of nuclear weapons and for the establishment of an armaments truce."

It was further asked what opportunity would be given for India to present its views on these proposals. It said that a written memorandum would not be adequate and that the Indian Government would, therefore, wish to make an oral presentation if invited to do so.

In anticipation of such a move the Western powers met here today to determine whether they would introduce a resolution calling on the Commission to endorse the Western disarmament principles set forth by Britain, the United States, France and Canada during their five-power discussions with the Soviet Union earlier this year in London.

The principles outlined in London were:

Continue Efforts

1. A disarmament programme should proceed by stages.

2. The programme should begin, under effective international control, with significant reductions in armed forces to such levels as are feasible in "present troubled world conditions" and that at an appropriate stage and under proper safe guards, the build-up of stockpiles of nuclear weapons would be stopped and all future production be limited to peaceful uses.

Efforts should be continued within the United Nations to seek agreement on disarmament in accordance with the desire of the peoples of all nations. — Reuters.

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Russia Less Likely To Start New War

BUT DULLES SEES NO IMPROVEMENT REGARDS CHINA

Washington, July 2.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, has told Congress that the chances of the Soviet Union starting a war are less than they were a year ago.

But, he added that he could not "record any comparable improvement as regards China."

In secret testimony before a House appropriations subcommittee, made public in censored form today, Mr Dulles said the situation was not as menacing, even though the Soviet Union's economic capability to make war was greater.

"There was tangible evidence of forces working inside the Soviet Union which might in time diminish the threat of communism to the free world," he declared.

Reckless

Mr Dulles warned against the United States letting down its guard.

"It would be reckless to say that as long as the Soviet Union is spending approximately 20 per cent of its gross national production on policies that are obviously hostile to us, that we should cut down materially on efforts which we believe are needed to meet that peril," he said.

Mr Dulles appeared before the committee on May 24, and June 13 in support of President Eisenhower's 4,000 million dollar foreign aid programme.

Mr Dulles reported that the Russians, under their "new look" foreign policy emphasising the non-military approach, have put up about a 100 million dollars worth of foreign aid in the last 18 months in the form of easy-term loans.

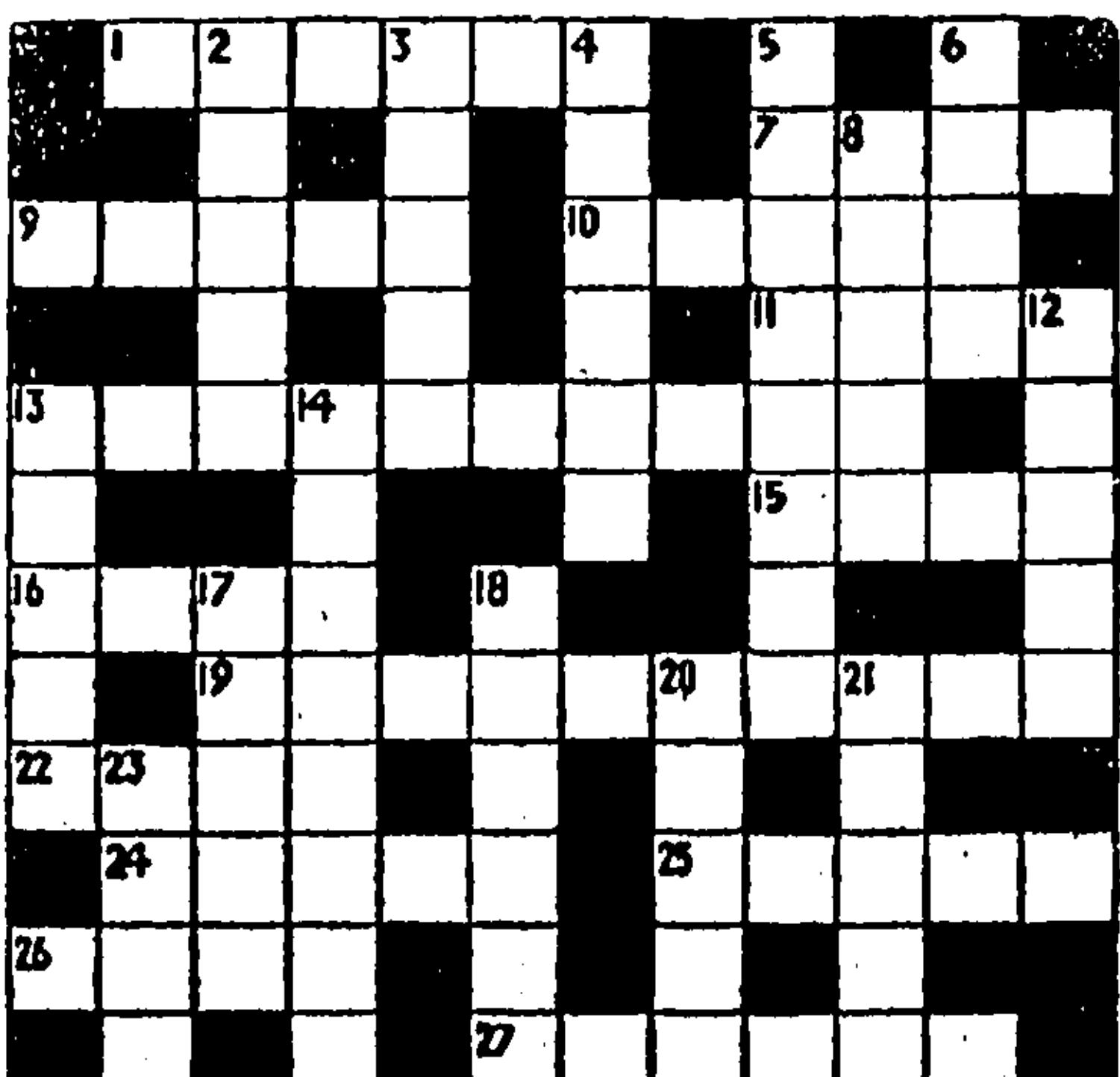
Mr Dulles said that the announced Soviet plan to cut its forces by 1,200,000 would not reduce their military potential but could help its economy.

Would Be Disaster

The Secretary of State drew a picture of encouragement from what he called "forces of liberalism" at work in the Soviet Union since Stalin's death. He said development, such a greater freedom of thought, might bring about a genuine change in the Soviet Union over a period of say, the next ten years.

But he said it would be disaster to think that such a change had occurred already that the United States could let up on its own security efforts. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Equine gait (6).
- 2 Monster (4).
- 3 Friendship (5).
- 4 Church passage (5).
- 5 Companion (4).
- 6 Laid in ruins (10).
- 7 Try out (4).
- 8 Regretted (4).
- 9 Wrongdoer (10).
- 10 Prefix meaning "half" (4).
- 11 Loan (6).
- 12 Nimble (6).
- 13 Scold (4).
- 14 Diminish (6).

DOWN

- 1 Self-evident truth (5).
- 2 Faithful (5).
- 3 Exalt (6).
- 4 Beauty preparation (8).
- 5 Open space in a wood (6).
- 6 Worry (4).
- 7 Come in (5).
- 8 Challenges (5).
- 9 Decreed (8).
- 10 Ant (6).
- 11 Ship (6).
- 12 Accumulate (6).
- 13 Commonplace (6).
- 14 Dash (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Wimble, 4. Relax, 7. Induce, 8. Pinch, 10. Stop, 12. Reverse, 15. Comet, 16. Need, 17. Ons, 19. Erect, 20. Trestle, 21. Barn, 23. Tabby, 24. Duet, 25. Haven, 26. Needic. Down: 1. Walniscot, 2. Medicore, 3. Luck, 5. Eminence, 6. Accuse, 9. Metro, 11. Peadable, 12. Heels, 13. Retained, 14. Edentate, 15. Armada, 22. Mute.

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Israel Seeks Closer Ties With Asia

Jerusalem, July 2. Israel sees herself as an integral part of Asia and wants to strengthen her ties with all Asian countries, Golda Meir, Israel's new Foreign Minister, told her first news conference today.

She also said that while Israel's policy is not to interfere with anyone, the nation will not tolerate interference from anybody and we won't let our border settlers stand in danger of their lives."

There will be no radical change in Israel's foreign policy, she said, and the country will "work through the United Nations with all states who seek peace, no one in an Arab country need stand in fear. It all depends on the Arab authorities."

On the subject of Asia, she said:

"Israel sees herself as an integral part of Asia and will do its utmost to strengthen its ties with the Asian states, large and small. Many of them achieved their independence at about the same time as Israel and we have much in common. We hope our friendship with Burma won't remain an isolated incident." — United Press.

Camera As Bank Bandit Trap

Wilmington, July 2. A Boston bank is trying out a new kind of bandit trap which shots film instead of bullets, according to an article in the latest issue of a magazine published here by E. I. du Pont Nemours and Co.

It is an automatic camera which operates silently and invisibly from behind a one-way mirror to capture on film everything that happens during a hold-up.

The one-way mirror, only slightly larger than a peep hole, is bullet-proof, and the film would show just where the bandit stepped, so that detectives could possibly pick up heel marks on the floor. A heel impression has proved as helpful as a fingerprint in the solution of several famous crimes.

The magazine said that the criminal might be tripped up by the camera patrol before he even stages the hold-up. Films taken daily would be checked routinely by law enforcement officers, and since most robberies have to be rehearsed in advance, known criminals entering the bank could be spotted and placed under surveillance.

Suspicious behaviour by anyone entering the bank during business hours might also become apparent in routine examination of what the camera saw. Evidence of odd actions could serve to alert the bank.

The new camera technique was praised at a forum at Massachusetts police chiefs by Mr Edward Powers, special agent in charge of the Boston office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Both the FBI and the Massachusetts Bankers' Association have encouraged the study of the camera method. — China Mail Special.

Soviet Trade Mission To UK

London, July 2. A Soviet trade mission will arrive in London toward the end of this week to discuss goods to be exported by Britain to the USSR during the next five years. The Board of Trade announced today.

Representatives of the Soviet Union have said they would buy goods valued between £100,000,000 and £1,000,000,000. — France-Press.

Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, July 2. The engine of the north-bound rail train came adrift from the coaches near Kafulifuta about 20 miles south of Bwana Mikubwa and passengers looking out of the windows had the novel experience of seeing the train slowing down while the engine pulled away.

The engine, without the weight of the train behind it, surged forward before it was stopped nearly half a mile further on. — China Mail Special.

Soviet Air Display



SHEPILOV'S VISIT INDICATES

Soviet Policy Change In Middle East

London, July 2. The recent Middle East tour of the new Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Dmitri Shepilov, has set off a fresh round of speculation here about the extent to which Soviet Russia is backing the Arab States. It is seen in diplomatic quarters here as liable to have an important influence on Middle East stability.

Mr Shepilov's visits to Cairo, Damascus and Beirut followed an incident at the Security Council in New York early in June which has generally been regarded as marking an important policy switch.

At the conclusion of the London visit in April of the Soviet Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and the Communist Party First Secretary, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, a communiqué said that the parties to the talks would back initiative by the United Nations to get "a peaceful settlement on a mutually acceptable basis" of the Arab-Israel dispute.

Tension Increased

This phrase in the communiqué was interpreted in British diplomatic quarters as meaning that British and Soviet statesmen were agreed on the need for a policy calculated to dampen existing Arab-Israel tension.

In the Western view tension in the Middle East had greatly

French Angry Over Tunis Broadcasts

Paris, July 2. M. Alain Savary, Secretary of State for Moroccan and Tunisian Affairs, demanded an interview tonight with the Tunisian Premier, Habib Bourguiba, and informed sources said they would discuss a Radio Tunis broadcast hostile to France.

French officials have remained grimly silent about the broadcast, which claimed, "Algeria is not and never will be French."

M. Savary, in announcing his wish to talk to Bourguiba, said he wanted it to take place before French-Tunisian interdependence negotiations resume here at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The Arabic language broadcast was beamed at Algeria last night. It said: "Dear Algerian brothers, your struggle is just."

LONG FUMED

"France capitulates only after warfare and bloodshed, as was the case in Syria, Lebanon, Indo-China, Tunisia and Morocco."

France has long fumed at broadcasts from Cairo urging on the Algerian rebels. But this was the first such broadcast from the former French protectorate of Tunisia.

It followed insistence last week by Premier Bourguiba that French forces must leave Tunisia, including the naval base of Bizerte, and a French reply that French forces would remain. — United Press.

Second Asian Socialist Conference

New Delhi, July 2. The second Asian Socialist conference will be held in Bombay in November this year. Socialist sources here stated today.

Delegates of Socialist parties from 15 countries, including Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Uganda, Kenya, Syria, Lebanon, Malaya, Japan and Burma are likely to attend the conference.

Fraternal delegates are also being invited from the Yugoslav Communist Party, the British Labour Party and the European Socialist International. — France-Press.

MEDIATION OFFER

Washington, July 2. The United States has not received any answer from the Polish Government concerning the offer made last Saturday to send food to Poland, the State Department spokesman disclosed today.

The American food offer was made through the intermediary of the American Red Cross.

Officials predict that the next few weeks may therefore witness new internal developments in Hungary. — United Press.

ADVANCED WEAPONS FOR JAPAN

Washington, July 2. "Advanced weapons," presumably missiles of the "Honest John" or "Nike" type, will be included in the high priority American military aid programme for Japan during the present fiscal year.

This was disclosed in testimony by top-ranking American military authorities before the House Appropriations Committee. These testimonies were made public today.

This programme, which represents up to date the most important flow of military material from the United States to Japan, includes also jet aircraft, warships, tanks and other weapons.

NOT SPECIFIED

The amount of this programme in dollars was not specified, but according to a committee source, the involved cost is 13 1/2 times as much as requested for the fiscal year completed on June 30 and represents about half the amount spent on military aid to Japan from 1950 to 1955. — France-Press.

Furniture Swindle

Singapore, July 2. Confidence men posing as purchasing agents for millionaires have swindled dealers of thousands of dollars worth of furniture.

A man walks into a furniture store and asks the owner whether he can furnish a flat for a woman friend of a millionaire. He impresses on the proprietor the need to keep the transaction a secret.

The owner, feeling that he has been taken into the confidence of a millionaire, is generally more than happy to sell his furniture.

The confidence man then tells the dealer to deliver the goods at the country residence of an ascended millionaire.

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**CONCLUDING THE REAL INSIDE STORY
OF THE GAY PRINCE, by SEFTON DELMER**

Bernhard's Daughter, The Future Queen

THE palace sentries presented arms, the police held up the traffic, and the five of us crossed the wide motor road which passes in front of the royal palace at Soestdijk.

"Pappi," a Prince Bernhard is known to his daughters, was taking the three eldest of them, their friend Renée, Van Hoeven and myself, on their regular Sunday after-junior visit to the stables.

Each of the girls had a bowl which was filled with carrots. Each had a horse of her own to feed and fondle.

The routine

THE prince fed a bowl of carrots to his horse and learnedly discussed the horses and their condition with the princesses and Renée, who is the daughter of an ADC and is being brought up with Princess Beatrix.

To tell the truth I myself am not over-interested in horses or horse talk. But here I was fascinated. The regular visit to the stables is part of the prince's routine in the education of his daughters.

And there are few better indications of a man's character than how he sets about bringing up his children.

Moreover, I have been watching him at this father business ever since those earliest days when the "Gay Prince" would put a bottle of whisky in baby Beatrix's pram to shock and alarm the nannies—with mother Juliana joining in and pretending to be horrified as well.

And for another thing, Princess Beatrix is likely one day to succeed her mother—a day which, as the result of the faith healer crisis, Beatrix herself, I understand, believes may be quite near.

Well, how has he set about it? As you would expect, with much the same skilful tightrope balance between authoritarian formality and easy, cheerful informality which characterises his general method of dealing with people and situations.

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It is "Bernie" to the queen and her family, "Renée" to his oldest friends. The prince's name for the queen is "Lulu."

The girls, for instance, are allowed to choose whatever hobby or sport they want, with one exception, "Pappi" insists that they have all got to swim whether they like it or not.

"Fortunately," he says, "they all like swimming."

But here is the limit to this liberty. Whatever the princesses do take up they must take up thoroughly and methodically with coaches to teach them.

"Pappi" Bernhard insists there is to be no fooling around.

Princess Beatrix has taken up sculpting. I was quite impressed with a bison she gave her father for Christmas. It has a most uncanny resemblance to Comrade Bulgaria.

The queen herself has been all in favour of freedom and informality for the princesses. Almost too enthusiastically so, perhaps.

Her own lonely childhood was hedged in from the age of four with curving ladies-in-waiting and a protocol which insisted that the little princess must precede her elders on all occasions.

Now..... a curb
QUEEN Juliana is determined that her own children shall grow up free from such misery.

The same impatience with formality and pomp which has made Queen Juliana ban the cuny from her court (much to the regret of the ladies who love curving) caused her to send Princess Beatrix to a so-called progressive school.

The prince, however, had been through a normal childhood and a normal education. His mother (an aunt of Gottfried von Cramm, the present husband of Barbara Hutton) put him through a boarding school from the age of 12, where the prince used to get beaten up regularly by the other boys for being a prince and not a bungoole like them.

Later he read law at Berlin University where he took the equivalent of a first class honours degree.

So when the prince discovered that "Trix" as he calls her, was not getting on very well with the three R's at the go-with-you-please-and-freedom-first academy, he insisted that she should be sent to a more orthodox and down-to-the-ground school. The queen reluctantly agreed.

Pranks

IN fact, I am told they are having to be restrained from pranks at Miss Holmans' expense.

Last Christmas they wanted to act a charade in which one character after another would come on and pronounce himself or herself cured miraculously of some illness.

The Gay Prince heard of the Gay Princesses' plan only just in time. He put his foot down and stopped it.

How much he must wish he could put his foot down as easily as put a stop to the Holmans affair altogether. Now that he is back in Holland you may be sure he will have a try.



CROSS CHANNEL
DINGHY RACE
COMPETITORS



"We're coming back Tuesday for Ascot."

THE British Commonwealth's greatest heroes—300 holders of the Victoria Cross—paraded in London before the Queen last Tuesday to mark the centenary of the most treasured award for valour. They came from all walks of life, and among them were some who showed qualities outstanding even by the standards of these heroes. This series tells their stories. Already told: the story of midget submariner Magennis. Now an air saga.

FOR SHEER GUTS, BEAT THIS ONE...

By Donald Gomery

EXT time you are in a plane, if you travel by plane, look down hard at the ground far below, then look along the length of one of the wings. And imagine what it would be like to get out of that plane and crawl along that wing....

That's what Norman Jackson did. He got out of his Lancaster bomber and crawled along that wing—to put out a fire. "And I was doing pretty well too," said Jackson, long, long, afterwards. Pretty well. With part of a shell in his back and the other part in his leg.

It was the year 1944. The Lancaster was raiding the German town of Schweinfurt that night. Schweinfurt was in a mess. The raid was nearly over. The ack-ack had been fierce. Now in came the German fighters.

Up went the Lancaster's wing in flames. So out went Jackson, fire extinguisher in hand. Behind him his parachute pack spilled open....Inside the plane they grabbed hold of the cords. Jackson's clothes were on fire. In came the fighters again. Jackson slumped over the wing of the plane. Jackson had had it. Or so it seemed. More shells ripped through the plane. The hands holding the parachute cords let go.

But Jackson wasn't dead when he fell off the wing. He wasn't unconscious. The parachute half-opened, and it too was on fire, smouldering like a huge handkerchief that any moment would burst into flames. The parachute cords were burning too, and Jackson, his hands already burned, raised those hands as high as he could and ran them up and down the cords to put out the fires.

The man was pushed aside by his two daughters. They brought him in, bathed his wounds. Two lovely girls. "I was lying there like Lord Rothschild," said Jackson afterwards. "I began to think I was pretty lucky."

Pretty lucky. With part of a shell in his back, the skin burned off his hands and wrists, his face burned, part of a shell in his leg, both legs broken.

They turned him over to the Luftwaffe. That was all right. The Luftwaffe treated him well.

To hospital for 10 months, tended by captured British doctors. ("Wonderful fellows.")

Then to prison camp. And the first man he met there was his half-brother, Geoffrey Hartley, Coldstream Guards.

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"We celebrated on brown bread and marge," said Jackson. "Warrant Officer Jackson, flight-engineer, got the V.C. for that night on the wing of a plane. Of course Half-brother Geoffrey got the George Medal in Malaya years after fighting the bandits in the end the bandits killed him."

Well, how does a man who went through a night like that, on the wing of a burning plane, settle down to a life of peace?

First, there was the small promise that Jackson made to himself in prison: "When I come out, if I ever come out, I'm going to have a good time for a while....a real good time."

Jackson, V.C., had that good time, on the pay that had mounted up back home.

Later, with £50 left, he spotted a piece of land going for £500.

Jackson went to a bank manager, asked him if he could borrow £450, told him what it was for. The bank manager came down and looked at the land—just a small piece of land at Hampton Hill, Middlesex.

And agreed to lend Jackson the money. (Bank managers were like that...once upon a time.)

And there Jackson began to build. With his own burned hands.

It was symbolic, really, this building of a new home, a new life, a new world... (The house his wife had lived in during the war had been destroyed by a buzz-bomb.)

Jackson had turned down a council job offered him at the end of the war: £4 10s. a week. He was a whisky salesman now. A good job. And the day's work ever he sped to his piece of land and built and built... till 11 o'clock, summer and winter.

His friends rallied round, Ron Taylor, for one. He is a professional builder. "Couldn't have done it without his help," says Jackson.

The house was begun at the end of 1947. It was finished by the end of 1948. A lovely house—four bedrooms, two living rooms, tiled bathroom and shower, big kitchen, with garden back, front, and side.

MODEST

EIGHT people live in that house. Jackson, his pretty wife, and their six children. For one can build for the future in many ways. Ian, one and a half, David, three and a half, Peter, five and a half, Brenda, seven and a half, Pauline, nine and a half, Brian, 12—all race happily through the house that Jackson built.

"I believe in big families," said Jackson, V.C. "I was adopted when 18 months old."

The most modest of men. What was it like that night on the wing of the plane? He shrugged his big shoulders. "Well...you get a pretty good slip-stream out there, you know. After all, people do 90 miles an hour on a motor-bike and think nothing of it."

It hardly seemed the same to me.

"And if it's coming to you it can come in many ways. We had a wing-commander just finishing his second tour of ops. Gone through everything. Laid a big broad on for him. Then as he walked from his plane to the officers' mess and the spread, a station van hit him."

Jackson gazed through the window past his car, his garden. Thirty-seven years old, thick hair, thick-set, handsome—

"Those doctors did a fine job," said Jackson. The burns on his face don't show now. Only the burns on his hands.

MISSING...

A MAN with just one small worry at the moment. This V.C. celebration business. "The invitations and decorations will be worn," said Jackson. "And at the war's end, he had forgotten to claim his other medal: the Atlantic Star, the 39-45 Star, the Alcock, the Victory in Europe, and the rest."

"So I've got only one medal to wear," said Jackson.

I wouldn't worry about that, Jackson, V.C. I wouldn't worry about that a bit.

PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

The Baronet Who Had A Letter From Buster Crabbe Is Upset

SIR FRANCIS ROSE, the counsellor, 46-year-old baronet, who created a stir by claiming he had received a letter from the missing frogman, Commander Crabbe, posted on the day of his disappearance, is one of the most colourful members of the British community in Paris.

He was upset for two reasons: first, that reports concerning the Crabbe letter which disappeared from his flat some time ago had attributed it to him, which were palpably silly; and secondly, that his 20-year-old son who is a Spanish subject, has been held for the past six weeks in a French prison without the detailed charges having yet been com-

municated to his defence counsellor. He is in fact, a patrician of considerable distinction.

He had until quite recently a large and beautiful flat overlooking Notre Dame, which he lost, and he now lives in what was once his servant's bedroom in the same building.

This small room he has transformed with admirable taste and ingenuity into a miracle of compactness. An effect of space is created by differently coloured walls and as the need arises he serves as kitchen, sitting-room or bedroom.

The walls are decorated with Henry Moore, Graham Sutherland and Christian Berard originals.

Sir Francis was a great friend of Gertrude Stein, who was the first to buy one of his paintings in 1930, and he has decorated the cookery book written by Miss Stein's companion Alice B. Toklas.

THE second volume of General de Gaulle's war

memories is now out, and superb stuff it is, too. The publication was timed for the anniversary of his famous June 18 appeal to France over the BBC, and it covers the period from the spring of 1942 to the liberation of Paris.

These are the highlights: A closely reasoned, extremely ingenuous and hitherto unpublished letter to the late President Roosevelt outlining de Gaulle's view of his own role in the war, disclaiming any ambition for personal power either the war, and pointing out the dangers inherent in treating with former Vichyites.

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By AUDREY HIGGS

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BRITISH OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Taiwan's Golfer Goes Round In 73 At Hoylake

Liverpool, July 2.

Chen Ching-po, of Taiwan, had an excellent score of 73 over the 6,960 yards Hoylake Course today in the first round of the 36 holes qualifying competition for the British Open Golf Championship.

His round put him in second place among the early finishers at Hoylake. Bruce Crampton, 20-year-old Australian, had turned in a 70.

Chen putted well, and said afterwards that he liked the Hoylake greens much more than those at Wentworth, where the Canada Cup was played.

"They are much slower, and I like them that way," he declared.

He started rather shakily, but settled down to play soundly for most of the way. Short with his second shot at the first hole, he got down with a chip and putt for a five. Then a wayward drive at the second was trapped in a bunker and forced another five.

A GOOD STREAK

Chen was the essence of consistency over the next seven holes which he covered on the one over fours. He never put a foot wrong, and was always splitting the fairways with fine driving.

He reached the turn in 37, having holed a single seven-foot putt for three at the 204 yards seventh. With a par three at the eleventh, he became level at the twentieth and dropped a stroke.

Chen missed a grand chance to avert this mistake on the short 13th. He hit a perfect tee shot with a No. 8 iron to within five feet of the pin, but surprisingly missed the putt.

He redeemed himself two holes later, running down an eight yards putt for a three at the 406 yards 15th, but was again in a sand hazard at the 16th where he took a five.

He got down in two putts on the home green for a four, and an inward field of 30.2.

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L. Hoad (Australia) beat M. Anderson (Australia) 4-6, 6-1, 0-1, 13-1.

H. Richardson (United States) beat N. Fraser (Australia) 6-3, 9-11, 7-5, 6-4.

Women's Doubles 2nd Round

Mrs D. Knodel (United States) and Miss C. Mercels (Belgium) beat Mrs W. Brewer (Bermuda) and Mrs H. Hopman (Australia) 3-0, 7-5, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles 3rd Round

O. Gorrodo (Cuba) and Miss L. Snow (United States) beat R. Mark (Australia) and Mrs E. Schmitt (Denmark) 6-3 0-2.

J. Drobny (Egypt) and Mrs J. Drobny (Britain) beat B. Gulley (Australia) and Miss S. Weston (Britain) 6-1 0-3.

S. Mulroy and Miss A. Gibson (United States) beat K. Meyer (Australia) and Miss O. Eyre (Britain) 0-2, 6-2.

R. Howe (Australia) and Miss D. Hard (United States) beat J. Farina and Miss V. Puszova (Czechoslovakia) 9-7, 8-4.

L. Ayala (Chile) and Mrs T. Long (Australia) beat R. Krishnan (India) and Mrs A. Thomas (Britain) 6-0, 6-1.

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WALLACE BEATS BARTON FOR EMPIRE TITLE



Gordon Wallace of Canada, a cut over his right eye, holds his trophy after defeating Ron Barton, the British Champion, for the vacant British Empire Light-Heavyweight Championship at Clapton Stadium, London, on June 19. Wallace won on points over 15 rounds.—Reuterphoto.

SKI CLUBS FINANCE NEW RESORTS

New Zealand Develops Winter Sports

By J. C. GRAHAM

Auckland, New Zealand.

Few people would associate the South Seas with winter sports, yet in New Zealand skiing has made spectacular progress in the last few years and the biggest sports club in the country is a ski club.

The exploits of Sir Edmund Hillary made the world aware that the mountains of New Zealand provide a fine training ground for climbers. They are equally well suited as a playground for other winter sports.

Already, indeed, the growth of modern resorts is attracting tourists from overseas. Substantial numbers of Australians now visit New Zealand every winter for the skiing. Increasing numbers of enthusiasts from North America, who previously practised at resorts in the Andes during the northern summer, are realising that New Zealand offers an attractive alternative. Efficient chairlifts and tows and low prices make a double appeal.

Ski resorts in New Zealand have been developed by radically different means from those usual in the northern hemisphere. Hotel owners or resort operators have played a much smaller part. There is, in fact, only one privately developed ski centre in the country.

POSTWAR BOOM

The Government was prominent in opening up the older resorts. But in the postwar boom, nearly all accommodation and most of the tows and lifts have been financed and built by the skiers themselves through clubs and non-profit companies.

National Park, the largest resort in the country, is an example. Here, in the centre of the North Island, is a group of three volcanic cones. The tallest of these, Mount Ruapehu (9,176 feet), has a large and well-appointed tourist hotel on its lower slopes. This and the old school are operated by the Government.

Higher up, between 5,000 and 6,000 feet, no fewer than 23 ski clubs have built huts and runs for the huts built near 14,000 feet.

Above the first chairlift, skiers have the choice of a highly-efficient T-bar tow, or a second and longer chairlift built last summer and opened in time for the present winter season, which carries them rapidly to the upper slopes of the mountain. This chairlift rises 1,600 vertical feet in about a mile, and is believed to be about the second longest in existence.

Two long ropes, including one for beginners, complete a very extensive and up-to-date system.

CONTINUOUS RUNS

It enables skiers to make continuous runs of two and a half miles, dropping more than 2,000 feet, without any climbing. For those willing to climb, the upper chairlift provides access to the foot of a glacier leading easily and directly almost to the summit of the mountain at 8,000 feet. From here there is an enormous choice of runs descending 4,000 feet or more.

Ultimately lifts will operate right to the top or near it, and plans are already under way to build a high altitude hut near the summit. Even the present uphill devices provide good skiing in most seasons from June until about November or later.

The whole of the finance for the lift development was subscribed by skiers themselves. The directors of the operating company are all active skiers prominent in the clubs with huts on the mountain.

This is the most comprehensive lift system in the country, but there are other centres where linked tows provide skiers with facilities for a great deal of sport in a day. One is the only privately-developed ski resort in the country, at Coronet Peak, near Queenstown in the South Island. It has been operated with much enterprise and has been active in attracting skiers from abroad.

The Government still plays a part at some resorts, but over most of the country the clubs dominate the sport. At numerous places, especially in the South Island, district clubs have built access roads, erected huts and installed ski tows which they operate themselves.

With a wide choice of ski centres opened up and provided with uphill devices, skiers have far better facilities than

EASTERN IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, July 2. The Hongkong Soccer Champions, Eastern Athletic Association, arrived Singapore today from Manila to play a series of exhibition matches.

The Association will tomorrow night meet a Singapore Chinese Selection.

The Hongkong visitors programme in Singapore has not yet been finalised their captain, centre-half Ko Po-keung, said he did not know whether his team would tour Malaya.—Reuter.

Sports Diary TODAY

Tennis: Men's "B" Division: Army v IAP, HKCC (2), CIC v CSCC (2), CCC (1), Urban C v Reistro, USRC v ECAA, LHC v KTGCA.

Bowls: Open Singles: matches at Taikoo, IHC, HKCC, KICCA. Soccer: Summer League: Kitchens v Tung Wah (CII) 6.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Tennis: Men's "C" Division: Recreio, V KTGCA (2), LHC (1) v IAP, CSCC (2) v KICCA (1). Golf: Monthly Meeting, Metal Competition. Water-polo: Senior League: CYMCA v South China (Chung Shing) 6 p.m.

ROD STEIGER SAYS...

THE BEST ACTORS MAY NEVER BECOME TOP FILM STARS IN HOLLYWOOD

By RON BURTON

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NOTHING TO BE DONE

Steiger believes there is a huge reservoir of competent actors who are virtually unknown to the public. In some cases their faces are familiar to millions, but their names mean little to the customers.

"Many talented actors with years of experience never reach star status because they lack that something—not associated with ability—like a tight sweater, a disarming smile, dancing feet or faces like the kids next door," he said. "It's scene-stealing on a vast scale."

"I guess the only bitter ones are those who can't accept the fact that it's the public and not actors who judge us. You may be the best actor in the world—an actor's actor—but if you don't have a special quality which theatre audiences see and enjoy, it's too bad."

Steiger himself is philosophical about it.

"There isn't much you can do about the whole thing," he said. "Either you have it or you don't, and that's that."

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Jack Linkletter, 19, one of Art's five offspring, graduated from spots on his father's show to his own weekly local half-hour show. And Linkletter uses Art as a substitute when he can't appear for his own programme.

Linkletter, in line with the present trend, wanted first to make sure his kids knew what they were doing before they tried show business. He is in agreement with singer Curt Missey, whose two sons are preparing for musical careers.

The Massey boys are studying trumpet and piano but still are more interested in athletics. Massey figures that means they're flat, and he won't push them—just help them if they appear interested.

"And, if things get dull at the studio, there's always wrestling lets to keep food in the house."

The former "Black Orchid" of the ring is appearing in Warners' "Santiago," as a first mate aboard a gun-running ship. It's a featured role, and Blackburn thinks he got it—and previous dramatic parts—because of his training in the ring.

Zsa Zsa Gabor thinks the "desirable male" is one who listens. But beware of the "spouting spouse."

"Almost any young woman can fix herself up so she's attractive enough to get her man," said Miss Gabor as she stood near a former husband of hers, suave, non-volatile actor George Sanders.

"It really boils down to just picking and choosing, and this is where a girl should be careful. It's too easy to be fooled by a man who's attractive and personable. Then, after a girl is married, she learns he is self-centred and talks her head off, and she never gets a chance to say even 'yes, dear.' When this goes on day after day, it can become boring at the very least, and the next thing she knows, it hits her that she has married an egocentric instead of a man who will listen to her for a change."

MONEY HELPS

Miss Gabor, now happily co-starring with Sanders in Screen Gems' "Autumn Fever" for the Ford Theatre TV series, thinks that money also is a point to notice about potential husband material.

"Marrying men with money seems to be a crime in the eyes of many," she said. "Why, just because a man has plenty of money doesn't mean he may be difficult to get along with. Now that I think about it, money often helps a great deal."

Mrs. Gabor emphasised this was just talk on her part for the benefit of others. She herself is interested right now only in an acting career.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION.

British Government Beating Inflation

PATTERN OF DEMAND CHANGING IN RIGHT DIRECTION

FROM RONALD BOXALL

London, July 2. The 6,000 men who were abruptly sacked last week by the British Motor Corporation might not agree but the fact is that the Government are beginning to get the upper hand in the fight against inflation. The advance has been slow and not without casualties. And some of the improvement is more apparent than real; but an improvement nevertheless.

The Treasury, in its latest progress report on British economic conditions, cautiously notes falling full employment with "important" changes in the stability of prices in a few "right direction." And even before the BMC sackings there were some slight signs of easing of the labour shortage.

Without wishing in any way to make light of what may well be personal tragedies for many of the 6,000 dismissed men, it is important to understand the situation to get the facts in the right perspective.

Inflation is merely an expression for describing an inflated demand and the important part of last year's trouble was excessive demand for what economists call durable consumer goods such as motor cars. So when the Government joined the battle against inflation it naturally made curbing of demand for this type of goods one of its major objectives.

Paying Off

Now its efforts— spearheaded by the credit squeeze and backed by purchase tax and hire purchase restrictions are paying off. Personal consumption of all kinds in the first four months of the year (which is as far as the present information goes) was a little below the previous year's level.

Consumers' expenditure is expected to rise less sharply—by about £100 million as against £340 million last year. Government spending will fall by about £100 million (all these figures are in terms of 1954 factor costs) compared with a drop of £55 million last year. And the gross fixed investment in new houses, factories, plant and machinery and so on—will rise by about £150 million. Last year it rose by £165 million.

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On balance the total domestic demand is expected to fall this year by £130 million compared with 1955. And when the £100 million of extra goods and services are added this means that £250 million will be left over at the end of the year to strengthen the balance of payments.

Picture Brighter

These figures should not be taken as a precise forecast. Rather, says the Economist, they are "a hazardous attempt to translate the present trends and 'feel' of the economy into quantitative terms."

But the general picture is clear enough. One would not care to say it to a mass meeting of BMC workers but the picture is brighter than it was six months ago.—London Express Service.

TOKYO MARKET CALLS HALT

Tokyo, July 2.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange saw a halt to its vigorous trading and ascending prices last week after a long spell.

The break came as a result of major operators such as financial institutions and securities companies calling a halt to buying caused many issues to drop heavily, although some of them made sharp reactionary gains later in the week.

Operators did not believe there would be any further abrupt declines in prices but expected the market would be dull for some time.

Prices dropped ranged from 2 to 8 points with industrials and

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

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HK Bank	240		
East Asia			
INSURANCES	970	990	
Union Underwriters			
SHIPPING	940	940	7000 67 940
Wheelpack			
DOCKS, ETC	900	900	1430 1440
HK Wharf			
Prov. (O)	1430	1440	
LAND, ETC	1440	1440	200 or 1440
HK Land	90	90	100 or 95
Heavy	130	130	
RUBBER	1470	150	
ANMIG			
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Star Ferry	130	120	
Yankee	100	100	200 or 100
C. Light (O)	2480	2490	1000 or 2490
C. Light (N)	22	23	200 or 22
Electric	131	131	3175 3175
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INDUSTRIALS	351	352	1600 or 350
Cement			
STORES, ETC	1670	1690	200 or 1690
Dairy	1170		
Watson			
COTTONS	820	830	
Nanyang	700		
INVESTMENTS	7	7	700 or 700
Yankee	503	510	500 or 510
H.K. & F B	1120	1140	500 or 1120
Invest			

British Government posted declines running to about £7/10.

Gold shares got little support and eased quietly. Coppers weakened on word Rhodesian Selection Trust was lowering its price for the metal.—United Press.

Less Sharply

This year, according to estimates made last week by the Economist, the total value of goods and services produced in Britain will increase by only £100 million. But this smaller improvement compared with the 1955 figure will be more than offset by the changes on the right side of the pattern of demand.

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The situation has also improved insofar as there are now not so many vacant jobs, though there are still more than the number of people looking for them in the Midlands area. 18,000 jobs await the area's 6,000 men sacked by the BMC.

So there has been some improvement—though again it must be stressed not without hardship to some. There has been a fall in demand for luxury goods and some labour has been displaced from industries producing these goods into, one hopes, industries of more immediate national importance. Meanwhile the total industrial production has risen only very slowly—part of the necessary cost of readjustment, the Treasury explains—but output of plant and machinery (a good export item) steel and even coal has risen.

Reserves Rising

The foreign balance too is looking better. Exports in May were records and the growth of imports had moderated. In the first five months of this year Britain imported an average of £61 million a month more than she exported compared with a monthly average trade "gap" of £72 million last year. The gold reserves are rising after the serious losses of last year and all in all prospects are good for a sizable balance of payments surplus when the 1956 account is struck.

But the question midway through the year is: Will this improvement last? If by "improvement" one means the gradual elimination of inflation then the answer must be that it will. But it must be remembered that what has been achieved so far has been with

Moderate Trading On Wall Street

New York, July 2.

Steel shares, non-ferrous metals and airline issues lost a point or more in moderate trading early today while the rest of the stock list held in a generally narrow range.

Losses in steels ran to more than 3 points in Bethlehem, but the selling was of the cautious type and volume in the group was not heavy. US Steel, Republic, Armco, Jones & Laughlin, and Sharon, lost more than a point each.

Turnover in the first hour totalled only 369,000 shares.

Coppers had declines ranging from a point to 2 in Anaconda, Kennecott, Magna, and in Aluminums, Alcoa, Kaiser, Reynolds and Aluminum, all around a point each.

Airlines showed losses of around a point in Eastern, TWA and United Aircraft. Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Aco.	101		
Allied Chemicals	112		
Allied Mills Inc.	31		
American Airline	225		
American Cable & Radio Corp.	722		
American Cyanamid Co.	201		
American Smelting	203		
American Tel. & Tel.	100		
American Tel. & Tl.	78		
Amoco Copper	76		
Armco Steel	105		
Armour	101		
Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton	1475		
Bendix Aviation Corp.	502		
Bergeron Cons.	11		
Bethlehem Steel	104		
Boeing Airplane Co.	104		
Burroughs Add. Machine	43		
Canadian Pacific R.	314		
Cana. (J. I. Co.)	641		
Cana. Tires Corp.	154		
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	454		
Chase Mutual Bank	49		
Chrysler Motors	64		

These figures should not be taken as a precise forecast. Rather, says the Economist, they are "a hazardous attempt to translate the present trends and 'feel' of the economy into quantitative terms."

But the general picture is clear enough. One would not care to say it to a mass meeting of BMC workers but the picture is brighter than it was six months ago.—London Express Service.

New York Cotton Market Shows More Activity

New York, July 2. Increased activity and a stronger price trend developed in cotton futures today.

Led by the far forward deliveries, prices scored gains beyond \$1.50 a bale on the best volume of business in several weeks.

Opening prices were up 2 to off 3 points. New Orleans closed up 10 to 16 points.

Small acreage prospects, plus mill buying for inventory accumulation, and investment buying attracted by prevailing discounts, stirred up a demand for the deferred October delivery.

Nearby July lagged, meeting liquidation on the rallies despite the continued absence of delivery notices and further reduction in the certificates of stock.

Losses of two shillings and more appeared in industrials by noon, and afternoon rallying tendencies failed to reverse the downturn. Layoffs and production cutbacks in the auto industry coupled with the US Steel strike kept traders cautious throughout the session.

Store shares lost a shilling or more. Unilever skidded about two. Oils came under pressure, but late rally pulled a few issues up from their lows. Royal Dutch Petroleum dropped around four.

British Government posted declines running to about £7/10. Gold shares got little support and eased quietly. Coppers weakened on word Rhodesian Selection Trust was lowering its price for the metal.—United Press.

Estimated acreage for harvest, after allowing for average abandonment, was placed at 15.7 million acres smallest in 74 years—since 1882.

The Commodity Credit Corporation weekend announcement of 641,701 bales sold out of the surplus for export had little market influence. The figure was substantially below the 1.5 million bales reported on the previous sale, but somewhat more than traders generally expected.

The minimum price for middling 16/16 inch cotton, at average locations, was 25 cents a pound.

Open July contract today totalled 113,600 bales. The certificates declined 410 bales to 7,524 bales.

Month Volume Open Interest

July 3,000 11,000

Aug. 2,000 210,000

Sept. 2,000 450,000

Oct. 2,000 277,700

Mar. 5,200 120,000

May 1,300 24,200

Dec. 1,000 3,800

Total 36,700 1,400,500 bales

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 30.85n

July 34.60

Aug. 32.75

Sept. 32.92

Oct. 32.70

Mar. 32.70

May 32.00

Dec. 31.10

Blanket crepe 31.00

Oct. 31.00

July 31.00

Aug. 31.00

Sept. 31.00

Oct. 31.00

Mar. 31.00

May 31.00

Dec. 31.00

Blanket crepe 31.00

